

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 23, 2006**

Present: Tom Duston; Chairman, Lynne Borofsky, Bill Tyler, Kathy Thatcher, Jeff Newcomer, Steve Fisher (arrived at 7:45) and Amy LaFontaine; Secretary.

1). Ken Wright was present to discuss the project at Friedsam. The Commission will begin their Saturday work sessions after Labor Day. Ken introduced Cynthia Nichols, the intern that will be working with him on this project. Ken has obtained a NH Fish & Game Grant for up to \$1,000 of work in Friedsam. The intention of the grant is to pay Cynthia for her to work on the Wildlife Management Plan and buying tools. Ken would like the Commission to purchase a couple of weed wrenches. Cynthia has almost completed the Natural Resource Inventory and planting should begin next spring to replace the invasive Buckthorn removed this spring. Lynne suggested pre paying a nursery. Ken suggested having a workshop with the Chesterfield students. Kathy is interested in doing Forest Management with the school. Lynne stated that Cynthia could be paid out of the Conservation Fund with 3 signatures and then the refund from the grant can be deposited into the fund.

Cynthia presented paperwork for her work in Friedsam. Friedsam is a mixed northern hardwood forest moving into a drier white pine forest. She presented a soils map, a watershed map, Topographic mapping, and Preliminary Vegetation Inventory. Cynthia stated that all of the rivers and streams flowing into Spofford Lake all show Mercury deposits.

2). Kathy moved to approve the June 28<sup>th</sup> minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Steve and passed unanimously by the Commission.

**3). New Permits –**

A). Town of Chesterfield – Mountain Road Minimum Impact Expedited. Kathy went with Bart to look at the site. The Sand from the road is undermining the flow of water under the bridge. It is Administratively complete.

B). Bella Domani – Poocham Road Site Specific Permit. Originally a clearing to create a wildflower meadow and has now become a 5 lot subdivision. John Allard states in his applications that he is creating a Town Road. He has not received permission to build a Town Road and he is impacting a stream not mentioned in the application. Kathy has let DES know.

C). Phillip Lodewick – 2006-01456 12 Silverdale Road Standard Dredge and Fill. DES has requested more information.

**4). Outstanding Permits, Complaints, etc –**

A). Francis Boucher- 2003-01571 White Birch Road Various violations. The Property owner is still in Noncompliance with DES.

B). Anna D'Onofrio- 2006-00975 Asgaard Road Complaint. DES has granted an extension.

C). Joseph Halliday – 2006-01329 Naumaschaug Landing. Application approved.

D). Fijol – Outstanding Requests from DES.

**5). Report from the Chair –**

A). The Conservation Commission is receiving an award from the Monadnock Conservancy at their annual meeting on Saturday. The meeting begins at 10 AM. Tom and Steve are bringing the trailer with the tools for display. Lynne is responsible for a display. All the Commission is urged to attend. Tom is hoping that the Daniels Mountain Easement deed will be presented at the meeting. It is a project that he has been working on for 12 years.

B). Tom has hired someone to work on the website. Jeff has updated it. The minutes will be posted to the Town website. Either Steve or Amy will post events.

**6). Other –**

A). Lynne reported that the Conservation Commission did receive the NH Trails Grant for Flood Damage to replace the Madame Sheri bridge, to replace the ladder bridge in Friedsam and 10 hours of trail erosion in Friedsam. Lynne needs the Commission members to submit the hours worked with Ken since June 3rd in Friedsam. Lynne would like to purchase another chain saw, chaps, oils, chains, more gloves, etc. Lou Shelley is interested in building the bridge at Madame Sheri. Lynne has contacted the Forest Society because they own some of the land and they have no objections as long as Lou Shelley is doing the work. Lynne has flagged sections of the trail that need work in Friedsam.

B). Lynne has identified 5 species of Oak in Chesterfield: White Oak, Chestnut Oak, Scarlet Oak, Red Oak and Scrub Oak.

C). Lynne stated that the authors of “Where the Mountain Stands Alone” are giving tours tomorrow from 10 AM to 5 PM.

D). Hinsdale now has an active Conservation Commission. Tom will be meeting with them on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

E). The Town has discovered a pure American Chestnut on the Bear Mountain Connector. It has been tested by the American Chestnut Association. Tom has contacted the Regional American Chestnut Association for suggestions on whether the trail should be moved.

F). Tom wondered if the Commission wanted to work on Wetland Setbacks, Steep Slope or an open space fund for Town Meeting this year. The Commission thought the Planning Board was already working on Steep Slopes. Tom will e-mail the Keene Wetlands Ordinance to Amy prior to the next meeting so she can mail it out with the agendas for discussion at the next meeting.

G). The Commission misses having a Selectperson at the meeting. They are feeling out of the loop. Amy will draft a letter asking for input for our meetings from the Selectboard.

H). Tom wants to find out who the president of the Chesterfield Snowmobile Club is so that we can send a letter asking them to put in pallets on Route 63 before the trail gets opened this year.

J). The Commission does not want to change the budget for next year.

7). The next meeting will be September 27<sup>th</sup>. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine  
Secretary

Approved:

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Tom Duston  
Chairman

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